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Section II: AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method for facilitating input of information by a user into a form displayed on a display device, said form being arranged for receiving said input into one or more input fields of said form, said method comprising:

determining when a displayed cursor is positioned within a predetermined area relative to a first input field;

accessing a data file containing a first extended information, said first extended information containing information related to said first input field;

displaying said first extended information in a first position on said display device; and

enabling said user to ~~select~~ change a location on said display device for said first position.

2. (Original) The method as set forth in claim 1 and further including:

determining when a displayed cursor is positioned within a predetermined area relative to a second input field;

hiding said first extended information when said displayed cursor is within a predetermined area relative to said second input field;

retrieving a second extended information, said second extended information containing information related to said second input field;

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displaying said second extended information in a second position on said display device; and

enabling said user to select a location on said display device for said second position.

3. (Original) The method as set forth in claim 1 and further including:

enabling said user to select a presentation style for said display of said first extended information.

4. (Original) The method as set forth in claim 3 wherein said presentation style comprises presenting said first extended information on said display device overlapping said first input field.

5. (Original) The method as set forth in claim 3 wherein said presentation style comprises presenting said first extended information on said display device above said first input field.

6. (Original) The method as set forth in claim 3 wherein said presentation style comprises presenting said first extended information on said display device to one side of said first input field.

7. (Original) The method as set forth in claim 3 and further including:

enabling said user to select a color in which said first input field is displayed on said display device.

8. (Original) The method as set forth in claim 1 and further

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including:

enhancing a display of said first input field relative to other text on said form when it is determined that said displayed cursor is positioned within a predetermined area relative to said first input field.

9. (Original) The method as set forth in claim 8 wherein said enhancing comprises magnifying said first input field relative to other text on said form.

10. (Original) The method as set forth in claim 9 and further including:

enabling said user to select a magnification level of said first input field relative to said form.

11. (Original) The method as set forth in claim 8 wherein said enhancing comprises maintaining relative size of said first input field while diminishing appearance of other text on said form.

12. (Original) The method as set forth in claim 1 wherein said first extended information comprises information describing a required format for input of information to said first input field.

13. (Original) The method as set forth in claim 1 wherein said first extended information comprises information describing a definition related to said first input field.

14. (Original) The method as set forth in claim 1 wherein said first extended information comprises information describing an allowable range of data related to said first input field.

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15. (Original) The method as set forth in claim 1 wherein said first extended information comprises a work aid function operable to aid said user in entering information to said first input field.

16. (Currently Amended) A storage medium including machine readable coded indicia, said storage medium being selectively coupled to a reading device, said reading device being selectively coupled to processing circuitry within a computer system, said reading device being selectively operable to read said machine readable coded indicia and provide program signals representative thereof, said program signals being selectively operable to facilitate input of information by a user into a form displayed on a display device by effecting the steps of:

determining when a displayed cursor is positioned within a predetermined area relative to a first input field;

accessing a data file containing a first extended information, said first extended information containing information related to said first input field;

displaying said first extended information in a first position on said display device; and

enabling said user to ~~select~~ change a location on said display device for said first position.

17. (Currently Amended) A system for processing user input of information into a displayed form, said system comprising:

a system bus;

a CPU device connected to said system bus;

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an input device connected to said system bus, said input device being arranged to enable user input to said system;

a display device connected to said system bus, said display device being arranged to display a form for receiving said user input into one or more input fields of said form;

means arranged for determining when a displayed cursor is positioned within a predetermined area relative to a first input field;

means for accessing a data file containing a first extended information, said first extended information containing information related to said first input field;

means for causing a display of said first extended information in a first position on said display device; and

means for enabling said user to ~~select~~ change a location on said display device for said first position.

18. (Currently Amended) A method for facilitating input of information by a user into a form displayed on a display device, said form being arranged for receiving said input into one or more input fields of said form, said method comprising:

determining when a displayed cursor is positioned within a predetermined area relative to a first input field;

accessing a data file containing a first extended information, said first extended information containing information related to said first input field; and

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displaying said first extended information in a first position in a visually enhanced state relative to other content of said form; and

enabling said user to change a location on said display device for said first position.

19. (Original) The method as set forth in claim 18 wherein said first input field and said first extended information are both presented in a magnified state within an extended information window, said first input field and said first extended information being magnified relative to other content of said form.

20. (Original) The method as set forth in claim 18 wherein user input to said first input field is displayed in said first input field of said form in said enhanced state.